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- On 4 September 1952 the State Planning Commission decided to make additional funds available for capital investment in enterprises under HV Metallurgie. This was done with the purpose of increasing the planned 1952 annealing capacity of these enterprises and at the same time decreasing the amount planned for imports.
- The Ministry of Mining and Smelting was to receive 2,066,000 east marks from the plan reserves which was to be allocated as follows:

Stahl- und Walzwerk Hennigsdorf	1,858,000 east marks
Kaltwalzwerk Oranienburg	88,000 " "
Kaltwalzwerk Salzgungen	120,000 " "
- Hennigsdorf was requested as a result to increase the production of quality steel by 4,000 tons. In order to raise the heating efficiency for these steels, for the double-gravity-discharge furnace on the 650 and 450 rolling mills, for the complete sweep annealing installation (including a planned annealing capacity of 6,000 tons a month), the 1,858,000 east marks was to be invested in two low-temperature gas generators with buildings, two chamber annealing furnaces, one mobile bridge crane, "Herdwagen", and in strengthening the rolling mills.
- Oranienburg was requested to raise the production of spring steel and "CK 67" by 150 tons. The raising of the yearly annealing capacity by 3,500 tons, which was required for the aforementioned raise in production, was to be obtained from the production from one electric annealing furnace, annealing boxes, and cooling pits. The amount required for this was 120,000 east marks.
- Salzgungen was requested to increase the 1952 production of special steel "CK" and "CK 67" by 500 tons. An extension of the annealing capacity was necessary for this increase, which required the investment of the 120,000 east marks in one annealing furnace, 10 annealing boxes, and in the renovation of the pickling plant.

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